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The Legislature ought to speak in no indecisive way against the annexation conspiracy.

M. H. De Young, a man of considerable influence at Washington, will be pleased to hear Judge Humphreys' opinion of his paper.

The influence of mosquitoes in spreading yellow fever is now revealed. Is there any malady mosquitoes don't disseminate? How about leprosy?

Think of the nerve of a man who goes to California and offers to annex 30,000 Chinese and 60,000 Japanese to that over-burdened State. Check like that ought, at the proper time of the month, to throw a shadow on the moon.

Stock in the Johnstone Annexation Literary Bureau, Ltd., organized here to boom county annexation and capitalized by the court, is not listed on the exchange but we feel authorized in saying that it is quoted at one beer check asked and no bidders.

The War Department is to present a convincing array of figures to show that drunkenness and immorality have vastly increased in the Army since the abolition of the canteen. Statistics are now being collected. The American Medical Association has lately passed resolutions in favor of the canteen and it is not unlikely that Congress will be induced to revive the institution as a measure of disciplinary value to the Army.

Humphreys admits that he talked up county annexation in the Examiner, using the language repeated elsewhere. We hope the Home Rulers will enjoy reading it. The political Judge cozened them into the belief that he could get Governor Dole removed and all that sort of a thing and then, giving them no warning, slipped away to California to urge that Hawaii be annexed to that State. Little did he care if the few thousand Hawaiian votes were submerged in the 300,000 California votes providing he could break into California politics "before he was forty." The Hawaiians never had a meaner stab than that.

Humphreys has an easy way of denying any statement that hurts him and he does not hesitate, on occasion, to lie glibly from the bench. His latest denial affects the veracity of the San Francisco Chronicle, whose staff representative went with him from Honolulu to San Francisco and doubtless reported precisely what he said. Seeing the story in cold type got on Humphreys' nerves and his first thought was to deny it. But a denial in face of his reputation for falsehood, of the reputation of the Chronicle for veracity and of the circumstantial and other evidence against him in regard to the annexation scheme, counts for nothing. We shall probably hear something more under this head when the Chronicle learns that the disgraced and repudiated Judge is trying to save his own worthless neck at the expense of the Chronicle's good name.

COMING BETTERMENTS.

Cheaper fuel, with all that is meant by that advantage, is promised as one result of the recently ended trip of B. F. Dillingham to the Coast. While the immediate arrangement seems only to include coal, and that from the Roslin mines, there is in the mind of the promoter as well as in contemplation by the plantation men of the islands a feeling that as soon as arrangements can be made for the carriage of bulk crude oil from the California fields there will be immense advantages accrue from the largely decreased cost of the operation of the pumps and the mills on the various plantations.

The cost of fuel in the case of a plantation which irrigates its acres by pumping water to high levels must be thoroughly investigated to be appreciated. It has been estimated that to put water upon an acre of cane from the time of planting until the cane is taken off is on the average \$125. This it will be seen at once will mean an extremely large percentage of the cost in the fuel supply. While the coals of the north are not of the highest steaming grade they are good enough to furnish steam fuel and the cost is so much less than must be paid for the English coals that it means a considerable saving to the corporations which use them.

The future use of oil for fuel has been investigated fully by the sugar men recently but the great difficulty seems to be in the matter of the supply. There is not in the western ocean such tank ships as would guarantee a competent supply of this economical fuel at this port all the time, and it would be taking too great risks for the plantations to change their furnaces so as to permit of using oils, without a supply on hand which would preclude the danger of shutting down by reason of an accident to a tank steamer. The growth of the use of oils in the west and southwest, where the supply of coal must be hauled from long distances and at great cost has been remarkable. In the city of San Francisco the street railways are using oil and the beet sugar refineries are making arrangements for the same fuel. The railways are changing their locomotive furnaces so as to do away with the use of coal, and the cheapness of the cost has made a factor in the returns of any business where the supply of fuel cuts any figure in the general expense of operation.

It must be but a short time until there will be a solution of the fuel problem here, and it must come by the introduction of oils. The recent developments in California and Texas make it impossible that there will be in the generation any material advance in the cost to the consumer and with the saving which will be effected will add materially to the profitability of various ventures in the islands. In fact, should there be secured a fair supply of cheap fuel for this country it would do more for the introduction of varied living than would any other single thing. With cheaper fuel there would be no question of the building of sugar refineries and soon would follow several kinds of manufacturing industries.

CAUGHT!

The chief of the conspirators stands exposed in all the nakedness of a disavowed and unholy mission, trying to hide behind an allegation that he "did not say it."

After the arrival in San Francisco of the man of whom it was said by his former co-laborers in the Legislature that he had gone to the Mainland in the interest of the scheme for the annexation of these Islands to California, there appeared in the Chronicle of that city, an interview which attributed to him certain utterances which were entirely in line with his interviews and editorials here. There were more explicit declarations, however, and by the same mail which brought the papers containing the statement to this city came a denial of the authenticity of the interview and the insinuation that the article had been prepared here.

It is this allegation which draws out the complete history of the conspiracy and the tracing of it to its head and front. There can be no question of the familiarity of the cry of city and county government which recurs in both the authorized statements and that which bears the brand of the branded one. There is the same plaint of the need of the stable government which would come from the annexation to an old State and the undignified public criticism of men who like himself are exercising functions under a commission derived from the President of the United States. All these have so distinguished the man who utters them that there will be many people who will read the interview to which he transfers his brand without being able to see why it should not be attributed to him. Can it be that association with his own publication has made him believe that all daily newspapers are venal?

Insinuations that there is a plot to have printed in the United States interviews which have not taken place, for the purpose of injuring the jurist, are unjust to the men, the members of the Hawaiian Bar Association which indicted him and decided to move for his removal. They have been his neighbors for several years and they must know that with an organ here to print his views and eager journalists to reprint his screeds against the Territorial authorities when uttered in the United States, they cannot do better than to allow him to have full swing. A continuation of the policy now being followed will result in losing for him all the friends which he might have held through their interest in any man who came from Hawaii.

There seems little to be said in addition to the evidence. The verdict will be rendered by the people who will read and think out the problem for themselves without any bias. It may be said with confidence, however, that the conspiracy, which could not stand the light of day, will not live long enough to give any trouble to the people of this the newest Territory of our country.

The death of Joseph C. Cook, the great scientific theologian, recalls the fact that he was the center of an interesting event in Honolulu in 1895. Mr. Cook was invited to speak in the drill shed and did so, taking as his theme Tropic Republics. Minister Willis presided. In the course of his address Mr. Cook severely criticized Cleveland's policy in Hawaii which Minister Willis had been sent here to carry out, and was called to order by the chairman, who said that the occasion, which was July 4th, was one for patriotism and not for politics. The audience, though not in sympathy with Cleveland, sided with Minister Willis and greeted his remarks with cheers. There was a sharp colloquy between Mr. Cook and Mr. Willis, after which the former left the hall. Shortly thereafter the great Bostonian began to show symptoms of the nervous disease to which he finally succumbed.

We predict a marked increase in the cases of seamen vs. skippers in the Federal courts. Generally, the world over, admiralty courts do not lay great stress on the complaints of sailors regarding ill-treatment at sea. In most of them the testimony of such men is looked upon with suspicion, it being generally believed that the fo'castle testifies against the cabin on general principles and without much regard to facts. Honolulu is now looked upon as a haven of redress for the foremast hand with a grievance and if the Federal calendar does not swell of tar and bilgewater before the year is out then all nautical signs fail in dry weather.

The Republican's "Tompkins county" He is so palpable and so easily disproved by press clippings that our only wonder is that it was not uttered by Humphreys from the bench.

The King's Oath.

LONDON, June 29.—The report of the select committee of the House of Lords appointed to consider the accession declaration of the sovereign, in regard to transubstantiation, finds that the language can be advantageously modified without diminishing its efficacy as security for the maintenance of the Protestant succession. The form of declaration suggested by the committee does not contain phrases relative to idolatry, etc., which are so objectionable to Roman Catholics.

A Tunnel Caves in.

BALTIMORE, June 29.—The Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel running through this city caved in shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore express train leaving Union Station at 10:52 was caught in the debris, but as far as known no one was injured. The Pennsylvania Railroad will probably use the Baltimore and Ohio tunnel until the tracks are cleared.

Latest Sugar Prices.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 9-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 9-32c; molasses sugar, 3 5-16c. Refined, steady; crushed, 6.00c; powdered, 5.60c; granulated, 5.50c.

Refined Sugar Prices Advanced.

NEW YORK, June 26.—The American Sugar Refining Company today advanced all grades of refined sugars 5 cents, or one-twentieth of a cent a pound.

Disastrous Storms in Fiji.

SYDNEY (N. S. W.), June 26.—Destructive gales, with heavy loss of life and great damage to shipping are reported from the Fiji Islands.

There have been 102 indictments for land frauds in Montana, the allegation being that the locators swore the lands were for personal use, and then sold them to Senator Clark.

GREAT SURPLUS
IN THE TREASURY

Receipts Over Seventy-Seven Millions Dollars Above Expenditures Last Year.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—With the present week the fiscal year of the Government closes, and Uncle Sam will close a set of books showing the most prosperous period in his history. The Treasury statement to be issued next week, when all the figures are in, will show that during the fiscal year, which ends on Saturday night, the receipts of the Government have exceeded the expenditures by about \$77,000,000. This showing, two years after a foreign war and while the expensive results of that war were still in evidence, is believed to be unequalled in the financial history of any nation.

The Treasury balance sheet will show receipts of about \$587,000,000 and expenditures of \$510,000,000. The repeal of certain portions of the war revenue act will cost the Government about \$40,000,000 annually, so that next year the surplus will not be over \$35,000,000.

While the Treasury is already gloating over its successful record for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, the Administration is prepared to shout still more over the marvelous development of the foreign trade of the United States. The figures will show a balance of trade in favor of the United States of about \$75,000,000, or about \$145,000,000 more than for the previous year. No matter how the balance may be liquidated, this little matter of two-thirds of a billion of dollars will be on the right side of Uncle Sam's ledger Saturday afternoon.

Skagway Flag Incident.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The State Department has not received any representation concerning the flag incident at Skagway, where much excitement is said to have been caused by the hauling down of a British customs ensign raised at that point. Based on the press reports of the affair the officials do not attach serious importance to the incident itself, although it is recognized that the matter might assume importance if the raising of the flag was an assertion of British sovereignty over that locality. In that event there is no doubt that the State Department would take cognizance of the matter. But as it stands, the flag appears to be that of the customs office for the convenience of designating where customs may be paid.

Tricks of the Chinese.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 29.—Judge C. H. Hanford of the Federal Court has handed down a decision of a habeas corpus case in which he made some pointed comments on the past methods of bringing in Chinese aliens as American born Chinese. The court stated that it believed American witnesses had been bought to testify falsely as to alien Chinese having been born in Seattle and stated that hereafter he would consider that all Chinese born in Seattle prior to 1890, who had gone to China had come back. He proposes to let no more Chinese on this claim. It is alleged that a regular system had existed in this city of hiring white men to swear that alien Chinese are known to them as having been born in Seattle.

Scorched by a Hot Wave.

NEW YORK, June 29th.—Yesterday was the hottest June day ever recorded in New York and the result was 41 serious prostrations and five deaths. All over the west and northwest there continues a record breaking hot wave and the number of deaths is on the increase all the time.

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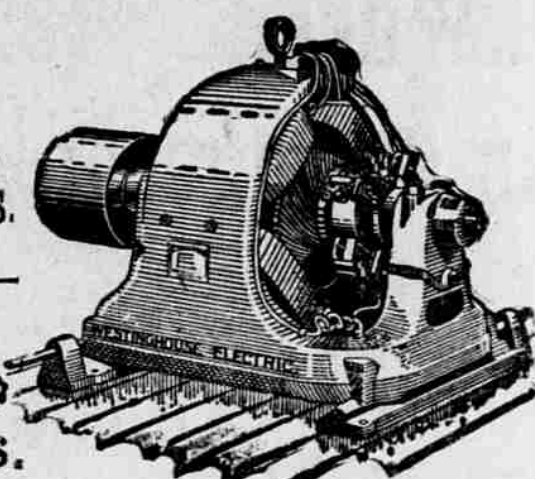
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